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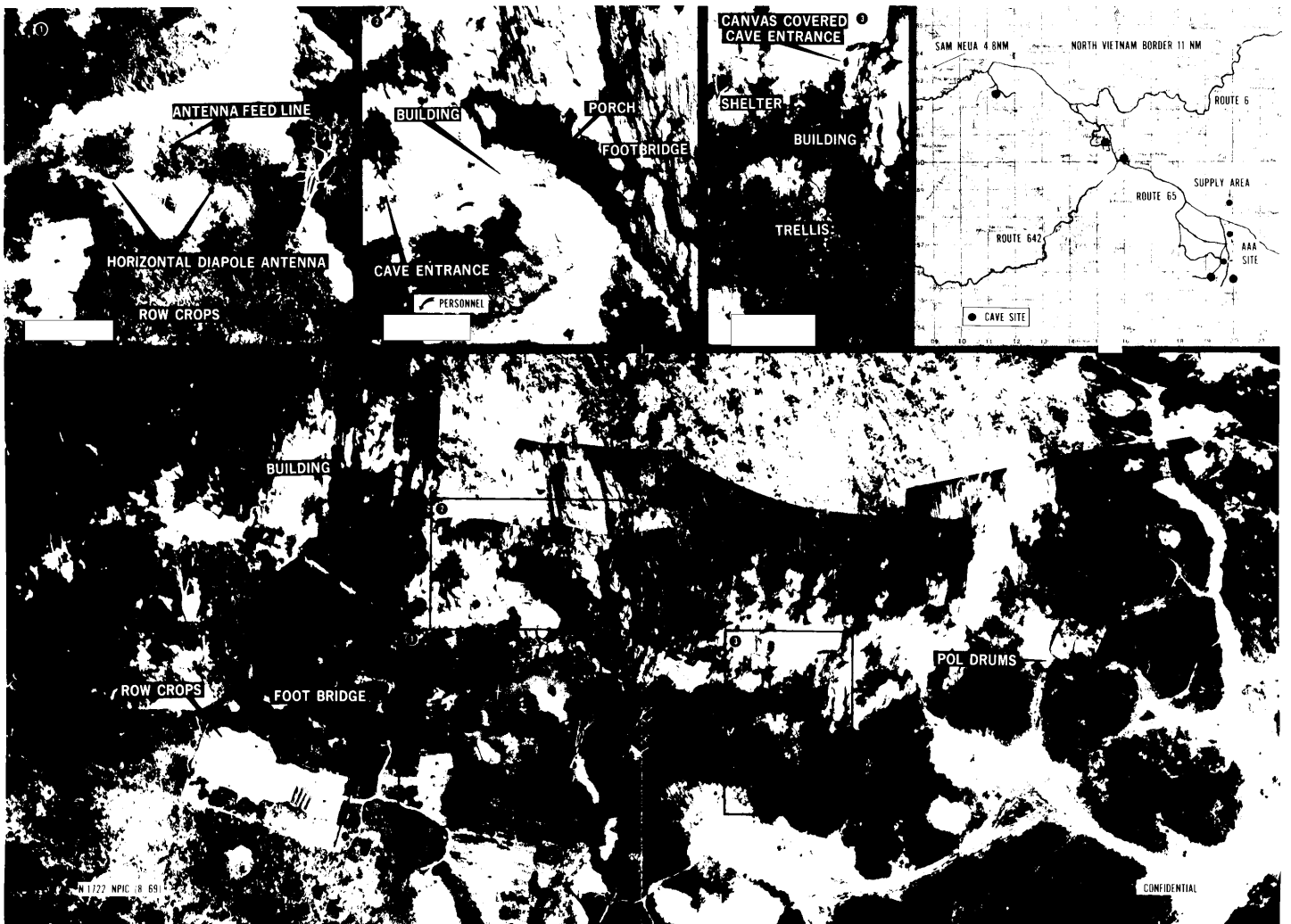
# PROBABLE ENEMY HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX

SAM NEUA AREA, LAOS

20-26N 104-11E

MISSION YT 201E, 28 JULY 1969

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THIS BOARD DEPICTS EXTENSIVE ENEMY MILITARY  
ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATURAL KARST CAVES  
OF THE SAM NEUA AREA.
2. LOCATION: THE CAVES ARE LOCATED IN THE KARST HILLS ON THE  
SOUTH SIDE OF ROUTE 65, 8 NM ENE OF SAM NEUA.
3. REMARKS: THE KARST HILLS NEAR SAM NEUA HAVE LONG BEEN  
REPORTED AS A CENTER OF HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY,  
AND MORE RECENTLY AS THE LOCATION OF A POW  
COMPOUND.
4. MISSION READOUT: MISSION YT 201E OF 28 JULY 69 REVEALED A LARGE COMPLEX OF  
ENEMY ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATURAL CAVES IN THE KARST HILLS EAST OF SAM  
NEUA. THIS BOARD DEPICTS SOME OF THIS ACTIVITY.

THE MOUTH OF A LARGE CAVE AT 20-26-40N 104-11-20E (UTM VHL54607), INSET 2,  
CONTAINS ONE LARGE BUILDING WITH AN ATTACHED PORCH ON WHICH 6 TABLES, 2 BENCHES,  
AND 2 POSSIBLE DISPLAY/BLACK BOARDS ARE OBSERVED. A SMALL FOOT BRIDGE SPANS A

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STREAM AND LEADS INTO THE CAVE. A HORIZONTAL DIPOLE ANTENNA WITH ANTENNA FEED LINE INTO THE CAVE ALSO SPANS THIS STREAM, INSET 1. THIS ANTENNA IS POSITIONED FOR TRANSMISSION TOWARD THE EAST.

A SECOND CAVE, INSET 3, IS PARTIALLY COVERED BY A LARGE CANVAS. A LATTIS FRAME WORK WITH PROBABLE SUPPLIES CAN BE SEEN THROUGH HOLES IN THE CANVAS.

LOCATED AMONG THE TREES AT THE BASE OF THE HILLS IS A LARGE BUILDING AND NUMEROUS SMALLER SHELTERS. AN ATTEMPT AT CAMOUFLAGE THROUGH THE USE OF TRELLISING, ROW CROPS, POL DRUMS, AND 5 PERSONNEL WERE ALSO OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

OTHER INDICATIONS (NOT DEPICTED) OF ENEMY ACTIVITY OBSERVED ON THIS MISSION, AND MISSIONS  INCLUDE: OCCUPIED CAVES AND HUTS AT VH114625, VH160600, VH192557, AND VH202557. FENCING, CLOTHING AND BEDDING WERE ALSO OBSERVED AT THE LATTER TWO SITES WHICH ARE IN THE AREA OF A REPORTED POW COMPOUND. A PROBABLE SUPPLY AREA CONTAINING CAVES, HUTS, ROW CROPS, WATER BUFFALOES, AND A TRACTOR IS LOCATED AT VH198585. FOUR PROBABLE 37 MM AAA PIECES ARE LOCATED IN AN OCCUPIED AAA SITE AT VH198575, AND A PROBABLE 12.7 MM FOUR POSITION, OCCUPIED HEAVY MACHINE GUN SITE IS AT VH197565. AT LEAST FIFTEEN PERSONNEL WERE OBSERVED AT THE FORMER SITE.

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